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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003 in which the Examiner requested an election of species. Applicant herein elects the species human growth hormone. Applicants submit that this species reads on claims 1-12 pending in this case. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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